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NOTIFICATION

No.H.12017/55/99-LJD/114, the 10th May, 1999. The following Notification of the Central Govt. is hereby published for general information.

R.Lalthazuala,
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS **NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 29th January, 1999

S.O.45(E).—Whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an inquiry into a definite matter of public importance, namely, killing of Mr. Graham Stewart Staines and his two sons on the night of 22nd/23rd January, 1999 in Village Manoharpur, District Keonjhar, State Orissa.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952), the Central Government hereby appoints a Commission of Inquiry consisting of MR. JUSTICE D.P. WADHWA, a sitting judge of the Supreme Court of India.

2. The Commission shall make an inquiry with respect to the following matters:-

- (a) the facts and circumstances relating to the killing of Mr. Graham Stewart Staines, an Australian national and his two sons on 22nd/23rd January, 1999 in village Manoharpur, District Keonjhar, State Orissa;

- (b) the role, if any, played by any authority, organization or individual in/or in connection with the aforesaid killings ; and
 - (c) any other matter connected with or incidental thereto as the Commission may consider appropriate.
3. The Commission shall submit its report to the Central Government as soon as possible but not later than two months from the date of publication of this Notification.
4. The headquarters of the Commission shall be at New Delhi, and/or any other place determined by the Commission.
5. The Central Government is of opinion that, having regard to the nature of the inquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, all the provisions of sub-section (2), sub-section (3), sub-section (4) and sub-section (5) of section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) should be made applicable to the said Commission and the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of the said section 5, hereby directs that all the provisions of the said sub-sections (2) to (5) of that section shall apply to the Commission.

[F. No.5/5/98-NIMC]

B.P. SINGH, Home Secy.